

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

The action by the Examiner in this application, together with the Examiner's interpretation of the Japanese reference, is understood.

In response to the Final Office Action, claim 1 has been amended to define the induction line cover connection structure as being comprised of abutting ends of two induction line covers and a cover joining member. The cover joining member has been defined as a "block" that is comprised of a receiving section for receiving the engaging sections of the induction line covers. Claim 2 has been amended to indicate that the protrusion and recess on the mutually opposing inner faces of the plate-shaped sections of the induction line covers are "integrally formed as part of said plate-shaped sections."

It is believed that the amendments to claim 1 defining a cover joining member as a block now distinguish the present claims from the "hanger" of the '305 Japanese reference. In this respect, the cover joining member 71 of the present invention connects the abutting ends of two induction line covers 21 where they are joined together. In this respect, the cover joining member 71 is a separate block that differs from the bracket shown in the '305 Japanese reference.

The amendments to claim 2 defining the protrusion and recess as being "integrally formed" as part of the plate-shaped sections of the cover joining member is distinguishable from the '305 Japanese reference, and eliminates the need for a separate pin 30A, as shown in the '305 Japanese reference.

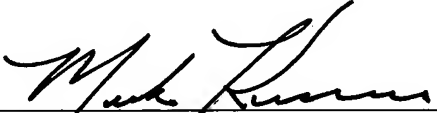
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Support for the amendment to claim 1, namely, for the cover joining member 71 being a block, can be found on page 13, line 5 of the application. It is respectfully submitted that the amendments to the claims place the application in condition for allowance. No new matter has been added, and it is believed that the clarifying amendments set forth above do not require any additional search.

Favorable action is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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